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WELCOME

Canberra City is particularly pleased to warmly welcome the other young club in the Philips Soccer League of Australia, namely Mooroolbark from Melbourne.

Like Canberra, Mooroolbark ("The Barkers") have had to put up with an enormous amount of criticism because of establishment teething problems in the League.

Brian Edgley their Manager/Coach has no worries about survival and steady growth because like City there is enthusiastic grass roots support. He also points out that many of the so-called wealthy clubs are not financially flush as they would have people believe. Also the difference in the League sides is not all that much and the teams with club spirit are causing the upsets.

Fresh from a Cup victory over South Melbourne on Thursday "The Barkers" will be out to repeat their 3 - 2 win over our lads in the first round.

To many people, today is rather sad, as it represents the last Philips League game for 1977 and by anyone's standards Canberra City's season has been outstanding. However work for 1978 and the future has already begun.

It is appropriate to record our appreciation to officers of the Department of the Capital Territory who have done their best to assist at Manuka Oval. They certainly have had little to work with as far as a soccer surface goes but just the same their approach and interest has been of great value.

Time to thank you, the spectator and supporter because without you Canberra City could not exist. Looking back on the season's attendances and applying them to each city on a population ratio, Canberra has a 50% better record than Adelaide, 70% better than Brisbane, 300% better than Melbourne, 600% better than Sydney.

If Adelaide is the "boom" soccer city - what about us?

So in both welcoming you today at the same time saying farewell to the matches for 1977 remember the club operates full blast 12 months of the year and we would like to keep you involved with club activities so watch for announcements.

To Mooroolbark, we hope they have had a pleasant visit to the National Capital and we may even see them again in the Cup Final!

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12. ALAN BOURKE 2
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TODAY THE CHEER SQUAD WILL AGAIN BE HEARD...

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IT DOES HELP -- ASK ANY OF THE PLAYERS. IT IS INFECTIOUS AND A GREAT MORAL BOOSTER IF YOU'RE ON THE FIELD AND TRYING TO COME FROM BEHIND.

JOIN IN THE CHANTS AND CHEERS AND BE PART OF THE ATMOSPHERE THAT SOCCER LOVERS THE WORLD OVER ENJOY SO MUCH....

Today's early match is provided by Canberra City's Reserves who performed with credit in the A.C.T.S.F. Football League and the A.C.T.S.F. Under 16 team just returned from Sydney after good performances in the National Youth Championships.

RESERVE	A.C.T. U/16
DAVID LINDENMAYER	IYRI TUOMI
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BRUCE WILLETT	TOM ORSAG
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JEFF AVERY-JONES	SZELKO GRBESA
GREGG WILLETT	DARKO POKAS
GARY WHITE	STEPHEN SINCLAIR
KEITH WHITE	EMILIO LRIETO

Next Monday evening Canberra City players and coaches will set out to break the World Head Tennis Record by playing for 25 hours commencing at 4 p.m.

The venue is the Italo-Australian Club, Forrest and spectators will be very welcome.

THE PLAYERS ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SPONSORS AT A 50¢ PER HOUR MINIMUM

AND YOU CAN CONTACT RON TILSED AT THE GROUND TODAY.

Head Tennis is a well known game - played between two (2) or more players on a Tennis Court. The net is 4' high and players on each side are allowed a maximum of three (3) touches each, with any part of the body.

The world record is currently held by nine (9) University Students of the University of California.

Rules of Competition

Three (3) players on each side of the net will compete for no less than 2 hours.

The other three (3) will rest.

On the hour each player is permitted a five minute refreshment break.

An official Referee shall be present. The game shall be played up to 21 in each set, then the players will change ends.

So from Monday at 4 p.m. at the Italo-Australian Club it will be an entertaining spell culminating we hope in gaining the World Record from the University of California.

See you there!!

CORISON COMMENTS

Cup Competition

Australians always seem to want to be different from the rest of the world. In most soccer countries there are normally two types of competitions -- league premierships and cup championships. Australians add a third type -- finals series, which are expected in all sports as the culminating highlights of the season.

The Philips League will probably have to introduce a final four series next season simply because it is Australian to do it.

But a finals series should not diminish the most existing of all soccer competitions -- a Knock-Out Cup. Each soccer nation has its National Cup competition, and Philips Industries have donated a perpetual $3000 trophy for an All-Australian Philips Cup competition which could rival the English, the German, the Dutch, the Argentinian, in fact any soccer country's cup competition.

But we want in Australia to make certain it is, an All-Australian affair. I would suggest that any team, anywhere in Australia ought to be able to nominate. If this means that Arinya plays R.M.C. and the Fyshwick Ferrets have to play the Bombala Bombers, that is great. I suggest the following strategy.

Entry Fee: $10 a team.

Comp commences:	As early in the season as possible, perhaps preliminary games might have to be played at night in summer, or even at the end of the previous season.
Expenses:	Every team responsible for its own expenses, except that games should be played on enclosed ovals, and teams share any gate proceeds.
Philips League:	P.S.L. teams only enter the competition when each State nominates a specified number of finalists to make the last 32 teams. From then on, all games are drawn from a hat.
Promotion:	Mandatory on all Clubs or teams in every village, town, city, and metropolitan area. T.V./radio program rights to be negotiated. The final to be televised nation-wide.
Cup Winners:	Hold cup for one year. Collect cash prize. Represent Australia in South-East Asian or South Pacific tournament.
Final 32:	Probably should be finalists from each soccer state e.g. 5 N.S.W., 4 Vic, 2 Qld, 2 S.A.,(Including N.T.) 1 Tas, 1 Newcastle, 2 W.A. 1 A.C.T., 14 PSL Teams.

There would be plenty of Aussie knockers around who would think this whold scheme is stupid. But a lot of people thought the P.S.L. was stupid, and they were wrong.

A nation-wide cup competition has to be instituted -- if it fails because of distance, or lack of finance, then other steps could be taken. But is has to be tried first, and 1978 could be as good a year as any to start. What do you think?

A.C.T. Five-A-Side ASSOCIATION

The A.C.T. is having a Super League Competition this season, consisting of 16 teams playing each other twice.

The competition starts on the 19th October and ends on the 14th December. There are still some positions vacant for teams interested.

The closing date for entries is the 4th October 1977.

Interested teams to date are Canberra City 3 teams, West Woden Juventus 2 teams, Canberra North 1, Belconnen 1, Sanyo 1.

It will be a cup competition with 16 teams competing on a Knock-out basis.

The entry fee is $100, this is for a 9 week period and includes registration.

For all inquiries phone Bill Smith on 811485 ah. If unable to reach him any inquiries may be made to 811313 Mr. Hal Leslie's office.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB

The Supporters Club made the last week of the season their biggest yet. After a great night for the men on Thursday 15th, the club was in the position to donate $3,600 to Canberra City. This amount covered the City's Affiliation fees to the Philips League, playing insurance and other associated charges. The presentation was made at a luncheon at the National Press Club on Tuesday 20th September. President of the Supporters Club, Jack Evans, presented the cheque to Sir Arthur George, President of the Australian Soccer Federation, who was surprised, but delighted that a Supporters Club could raise such an amount in a short time. It seems that once again Canberra City are trendsetters in Australian Soccer.

We had hoped to do something with the funds raised that would show how much the fans appreciate City. Without the Philips League, there would be no Canberra City so it seemed a great idea to show how much the fans appreciate City. Without the Philips League there would be no Canberra City, so it seemed a great idea to show appreciation of both, by offering to meet the costs of being a member of the league. There isn't much left in the kitty but plans are being made to build up funds again. First thing is the End of Season Presentation dance at the Finnish-Australian Club on Friday the 14th October. Music will be by "Saga" who were a great hit at the mid-season dance. Tickets will be available from the Supporters Club stand or any of the committee. Make your booking in the Bradman Pavillion after game if you can't get to the stand.

Once again Canberra City sets a world record. If you read the report on the game versus Eastern Suburbs in the Sunday Telegraph (which is the only Sunday paper that gives us a good coverage) you would have read about Vic Fernandez, the 391 year old veteran. No other club in the world has a player approaching his 400th birthday. Great stuff Vic, but you've got to blowing your pension on fancy shirts. By the way, Vic has never played on the losing side in a Philips League game.

So you're sitting there, reading the programme before the start of the last league game of the season and nothing seems very odd. Actually you belong to a very small minority, those who thought Canberra City would finish the season. Even the most optimistic supporter hoped only for about half a dozen points and less than 100 goals scored against us. Instead, after a slow start, Canberra City settled down to become a very promising combination. In a season so jam-packed with incidents, it's hard to single out a few for special mention, but from the supporters point of view, perhaps five games were more memorable than the rest. The first of the season would have to be the away game against Olympic when 50 supporters made the first ever trip to see the team playing in Sydney and drowned out 3550 Olympic followers who were too stunned to reply. The result was a 2-2 draw with City coming from behind twice to do it, much to our supporters delight and Olympic's disgust. Second was the home game against Brisbane City which was the first time any Canberra fan ever saw the Gold and Blues win a game. This was also the first time that the Bradman Pavillion was used for after game drinks and it was a great way to start it off. Follow this with the Brisbane Lions game for the opposite reason. The entire team had an off day and it must be singled out as the worst game City have ever been involved in.

the story of the world week

PHILIPS LEAGUE

TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastern Suburbs	13	10	2	52	28	36
Marconi	14	7	4	38	18	35
Fitzroy	12	8	5	40	32	32
Adelaide City	12	7	6	49	29	31
Western Suburbs	10	7	8	36	24	27
St.George	6	14	5	37	34	26
West Adelaide	7	10	8	34	31	24
Footscray	9	6	10	33	35	24
Brisbane Lions	9	5	11	26	37	23
Sth Melbourne	7	8	10	27	33	22
Brisbane City	7	6	12	28	34	20
Sydney Olympic	7	6	12	25	30	20
CANBERRA CITY	[illegible]	7	13	21	35	1[illegible]
Moonee Valley	4	5	16	27	50	1[illegible]

It was a highlight for all the wrong reasons and is still recalled with horror whenever a few supporters meet for a drink. Fourth major event had to be the home game at Manuka when Sydney Olympic were once again involved. The winning margin was the largest for any game City played in all year and it saw a new trend in home games. Since this game, only Footscray have taken full points out of Canberra. Fifth and last highlight was also the number one event of the year when City helped decide the Championship by beating Marconi by the only goal scored. The atmosphere was great, the team played their hearts out and the result amazed Australian soccer fans.

There are also individual moments that made our first year so memorable. Most heart stopping moment was Roy Stark's back-pass to the goals when Ron Tilsed was standing 10 yards in front of him. This happened against Wests at Englefield and the whole team chased the ball rolling to the empty goal, before it was booted over the fence and into the scrub where it probably remains today. The big disappointment was that Canberra only appeared twice on national television, and the first appearance was against Marconi, in the mud and rain and which consisted almost entirely of shots of Marconi attacking. Top supporters must be Barry Yann and Toby Phillips who have each seen 21 games at home and away. I hear they are saving like mad to go on the South East Asian tour in February. All supporter's club functions were successful and it was this fact, plus the Silver Circle, Pick the Card, Raffles and the Bradman Pavillion after game drinks that made the donation of $3600 to the club possible.

Best function of the year is hard to pick, but everybody who was at last Thursday's mens night said it was the best turn of the year anywhere. If you did't go, ask someone who did, and find out what a great night it was. With only the end of season Presentation Dance on October 14th left to go, the committee are looking forward to a rest. Don't forget to patronise all these items next year, as they are our only methods of raising funds for the club.

What of next year? Everybody wants to know the answer, and at the moment no-one is in a position to know for sure. It is certain we will still be here and with luck, bigger and better than ever. One point to think about is that $2.00 a fortnight in admission charges is not enough from every true supporter to help the Club prosper. Other ways of increasing funds will have to be thought about to keep up with clubs in the major cities. Whatever fund raising ideas come up, please support them and help Canberra City grow. When all is said and done, it is the spectators who can make or break a club.

Make sure you come into the Bradman for after game drinks. As it is the end of the league season it may be our last chance for a get together for many months. See you there.

A MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE SUPPORTERS CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE FINNISH-AUSTRALIAN CLUB AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER.

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CUP GAME POINTS: TILSED 3, ALSTON 2, MOULIS 1.

EASTERN SUBURBS: HENDERSON 3, CANT 2, BROWN 1.

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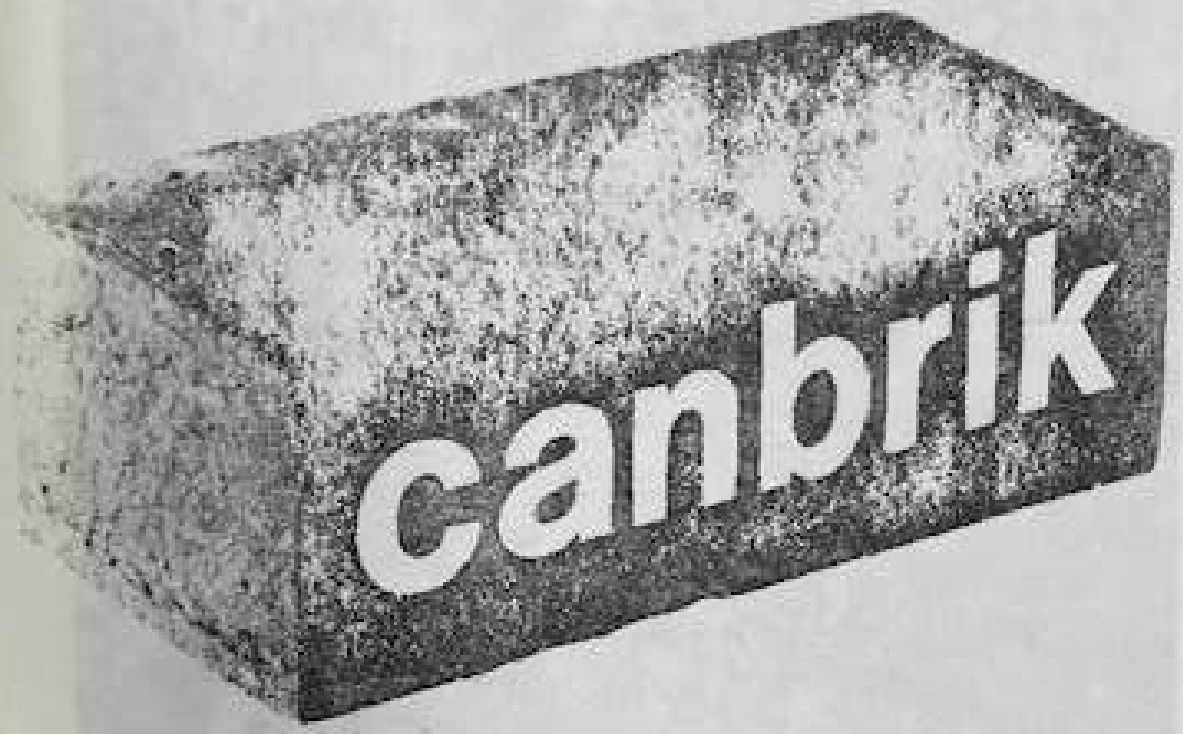

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